

13 17. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said EL material is a material for a color filter.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending herein. By this Amendment, claims 1, 13, 14, 16 and 17 are amended; claims 19-35 are canceled; and no new claim is added.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Support for the amendment of claims 1, 13, 14, 16 and 17 can be found in, for example, claim 13 as originally filed and at page 6, lines 14-20, in the specification. Thus, the amendment of claims 1, 13, 14, 16 and 17 does not introduce new matter.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claim 13 contains allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Tucker in the November 19 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Rejection under §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-12, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As amended, claim 1 now recites "electroluminescent (EL) material" instead of the rejected phrase, "functional material." In addition, the term "organic" has been deleted in claim 14. Because claim 1 refers to an "EL material," Applicants submit that there is proper antecedent basis for the term "EL material" in claim 14.

In view of the amendment of claims 1 and 14 and the above comments, Applicants submit that the rejection should be withdrawn. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Rejections under 102

A. Eisenbraun et al., (US 5,006,370)

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Eisenbraun et al. (US 5,006,370). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons discussed and agreed upon at the personal interview with the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

B. Eisenbraun et al., (US 5,068,131)

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Eisenbraun et al. (US 5,068,131). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons discussed and agreed upon at the personal interview with the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

C. Takano et al. (US 5,484,689)

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Takano et al. (US 5,484,689). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons discussed and agreed upon at the personal interview with the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

D. JP 59-71372

Claims 1-3, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by JP 59-71372. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons discussed and agreed upon at the personal interview with the Examiner. Furthermore, JP 59-71372 discloses an ink used for ink jet printing. The solvents disclosed in the cited reference are simply solvents that are suitable in an ink. The cited reference fails to teach or suggest that the ink should contain an EL material.

In contrast, the claimed composition comprises an EL material and a solvent comprising at least one benzene derivative. Thus, the solvent of the claimed invention must be suitable for use with an EL material. The cited reference, on the other hand, merely discloses solvents suitable for inks. Thus, Applicants submit that JP 59-71372 does not anticipate the claimed invention.

In view of the above remarks and the amendment of the claims, the rejection should be withdrawn. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

E. JP 64-16880

Claims 1 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by JP 64-16880. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons discussed and agreed upon at the personal interview with the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

F. JP 04-153280

Claims 1, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by JP 04-153280. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons discussed and agreed upon at the personal interview with the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

III. Rejections under §103

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Marlett (US 4,855,120). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons discussed and agreed upon at the personal interview with the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claims 19-35 are canceled.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim(s):

1. (Amended) A composition characterized in that said composition comprises a ~~functional~~ an electroluminescent (EL) material and a solvent comprising at least one benzene derivative having 1 or more substituents, and these substituents having 3 or more carbon atoms in total.

13. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said ~~functional~~ EL material is an organic EL material.

14. (Twice Amended) The composition according to any one of claims 1-13, wherein said ~~organic~~ EL material is at least one fluorene derivative.

16. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said ~~functional~~ EL material is a silica glass precursor.

17. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said ~~functional~~ EL material is a material for a color filter.